**ARE NOW IN FRONT** 

SHOWALTER TAKES PART IN BIG MASTERS' EVENT

Will Break Long Rest and Again Try for Honors-Is Splendid Player.

In the fifth round of the District championship tournament, played at the Home Club, Loveil won from Tharp, Knapp from Zapoleon, Stacy from Pasch, and Walker from Willenchick. These results give Loveil and Knapp a point and a half lead over their nearest opponents, and with only two rounds left to play it is a foregone conclusion that first honors will fall to one of them. Loveil has yet to meet Pasch and Willenchick, while Knapp goes against Walker and Tharp. On the dope, so far distilled from this event, Loveil should win easily from both of his opponents, while Knapp has still to face a most dangerous foe in Walker. However, the odds are in favor of the "youngster" turning the trick. With a victory over Zapoleon and a draw with Loveil to give him confidence, the lack of which has hitherto been his only serious weakness, it will take more than average class A chess to stop him. Certainly Knapp and Loveil have so far shown a clear superiority over the rest of the players in this event, and a match between them to decide first honors would be more satisfactory than a half-point victory for either. In the fifth round of the District

The announcement that Jackson Showalter, former United States champion, will break his long rest from active chess and enter the coming masters' tournament to open in New York April 19 is good news indeed for American chess lovers. Besides being a master of the first rank, Showalter is one of the most popular, magnetic and chivalrous players that ever graced the game, every inch, some seventy-four by the way, a sportsman in the finest meaning of the word.

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The fame of E. B. Adams' win from Capablanca, as duly recorded in last week's chess column, grows with every exhibition the Cuban gives. It is now Capablanca's only defeat in 280 games. The American Chess Bulletin, the New York Sun, the Brooklyn Eagle-and, in fact, every chess magazine and paper in the country with a chess column—are commenting no less upon Capablanca's marvelous record than upon Mr. Adams' beautiful game. Most of them reproduced the score of the game, published in The Star March 7.

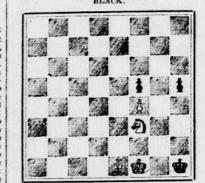
Following is the score of the Lovell-Tharp game from the fifth round of the District championship tournament. While the game was scored on time, white's attack probably would have PETROFF DEFENSE.

The following games are from the re-cently concluded Metropolitan Chess League matches and show the Brook-lyn Chess Club experts, R. T. Black and G. J. Schwietzer, at their best. QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

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46 R.-Q8ch
46 R.-P
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### Interesting Golf, Notes From the Local Clubs

Members of the Washington Suburban Club will hold their third annual club tournament in May, and judging from the great interest shown by the golfers, especially the new members who have recently joined the club, the tourney will be the most successful event ever held by the Georgia avenue club.

Phil King, chairman of the green committee, said many handsome prizes would be awarded the winners in the various classes. An elaborate program is being arranged and it is expected that more than fifty members will be entered. The program will be an-nounced in the near future, as will also the exact date.

President Wilson and Dr. Grayson were out on the course of the Columbia Country Club several times last week and enjoyed a round each time.

Admiral P. M. Rixey of the Washington Country Club, has given the members of the club the privilege of playing over a corner of his property, which adjoins the course, in order that they may have a clear way to the seventeenth hole, which is 248 yards. This announcement has pleased the members considerably as they can now make a clear drive to the seventeenth without going around a fence.

George E. Truitt, former chairman of the green committee of the Washington Country Club, and A. W. Dunn won an interesting foursome from James T. McClenahan and Charles Duganne on the course of the above named club last week, the score being 2 up and 1. Duganne won the twelfth hole with a beautiful twelve-foot putt that greatly surprised his opponents.

Morven Thompson, president of the District Golf Association, will call a meeting of the executive committee this week to make arrangements for the District championship tournament which is to be held at the Chevy Chase Club June 3, 4 and 5. It is believed that this year's event will be at match play instead of medal as was last year's tourney.

It will be remembered that at the meeting of the association, held the early part of March, a change was made regarding the custody of the championship cup which follows:

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championship cup which follows:

"The trophy is to remain the property of the association, the champion each year is to have his name, year and club engraved on it. His club will be allowed to hold it for one year. If no event is held for three successive years, the trophy is to become the property of the club, then in the association, which has won it the most times. In case of a tie, the club which won it last is to be given the trophy."

The executive committee includes Alpheus Winter of Columbia, who is secretary, and Walter R. Tuckerman of Chevy Chase, who is vice president.

Did a colored man by the name of Lewis play foot ball at Harvard? If so when?

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W. H. Lewis played center on the Harvard eleven in about the seasons of '34, '95 and '96. He was rated at that time as one of the best in the game. In 1911 he became assistant attorney general of the United States and held that position until recently.

Sporting Editor Star:

1. To settle a bet please publish in Sunday's sporting sheet the ages of Langford, McVey and Jeanette. 2. Also if Johnson was ever offered a fifty-

of Chevy Chase, who is vice president.

Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, one of the most enthusiastic golfers of the Washington Country Club, and Walter Guy won a close match from Edmund Varela and W. C. Barr on the course of their club last week. Commissioner Newman will be out playing frequently this month as he desires to get in trim for the annual club tournament, which is to be held May 6.

According to members of the Columbia Country Club, George P. James, a popular golfer of that club, will return from Palm Beach, Fla., next week. James has enjoyed playing on a number of courses in Florida this winter and is said to be in splendid form for the summer season.

Members of the Bannockburn Golf Club are looking forward with much interest to one of the monthly tourneys this summer, to be known as the "state" tourney, wherein it is proposed that the 200 active golfers of the club will be classified into classes representing their native states. It is

interesting to note that nearly every state in the Union will be represented, as well as the District of Columbia. John T. Harris, chairman of the tournament committee, is planning an extensive program and an enjoyable tourney should result.

J. Harry Covington, chief justice of the District Supreme Court, and F. L. Siddons, associate justice, en-joyed a match last week on the course of the Washington Country Club. Members of the Washington Suburban Club went on their permanent greens last week. The course, which has been rolled, is in splendid condition. Phil rolled, is in spiendia condition. Phil King, chairman of the green committee, who has spent much time in getting the course in shape, stated yesterday that everything will be ready by May I for the annual tourney, which will be held next month.

George C. Cunningham of Bannockburn enjoyed a number of good rounds of play on the old course at Chevy Chase last week. He probably is playing more golf than any other member of the club, as he is endeavoring to get in trim to retain his position as one of the "first sixteen" in the District champlonship, which is to be held at the Chevy Chase Club in June. Cunningham was the only member of Bannockburn to win a place in the honor class in last year's tourney.

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The tournament committee at Bannockburn Club, headed by John T. Harris, is planning a number of interesting events for the members this summer, and from present indications the club will enjoy its most successful season in golf. In good weather the tourneys will be played over the new course in Cabin John, while the old course in Chevy Chase will be used during bad weather. Harris said the new course would be in splendid condition by the middle of May. Harris is assisted by Dr. J. R. Del'arges, Bruce L. Taylor and B. B. Hunt.

Bannockburn bids fair to be well represented at the District championship tornament at Chevy Chase Club, June 3, 4 and 5, and although only one member, George C. Cunningham, made the "first sixteen" last year, it is expected that two or three will win a position this year. Among the first possibilities is George Beattie, a Scotsman, who is one of the best golfers in the club. Beattie is in splendid form and undoubtely will be among the leaders in the coming event.

## Inquisitive Fans.

Sporting Editor Star:
Please state in your pink sheet if
Mathewson pitched against Washington in 1912 on the local groun.js.
FAN.

Mathewson did not pitch a gainst Washington in 1912, but he worked in six innings against the Nationals April 9, 1913, and won his game, 4 to 2.

Sporting Editor Star:
Please settle in the pink sheet whether John L. Sullivan was knocked out in his fight with Jim Corbett.

Corbett is credited with a knock-out in the official records.

Sporting Editor Star:
Please answer who was given the decision in Kilbane-Williams fight of received at the control of the con

This fight took place in Philadelphia, where decisions are not allowed, but it was the consensus of newspaper opinion that Kilbane had bested Williams.

Sporting Editor Star:

A claims that Willard would not receive a cent if he had lost the fight. B claims he would. Please settle this. Willard had some sort of an agreement originally with the promoters not to get anything but his training expenses in the event of his defeat, but just before the fight he got a new agreement which awarded him something, and according to press reports he received \$15,000 of the purse.

Sporting Editor Star:

Please publish in the pink sheet Sunday the answer to the following: A bets that in a league of eight teams, each team playing the others twice, that 112 games are played. Please tell us who is right, and why.

HARRY A. WESTCOTT.

A is correct.

Sporting Editor Star:



1. Amateur team is one that plays without remuneration of any character.
2. Semi-pro team is usually designated as those the players of which are paid, but which is not affiliated with any league. 3. Matter of opinion, but should there were the titured to the teamed as area. judge that it would be termed an ama-

Sporting Editor Star:

To decide a small wager please publish in next Sunday's pink sheet who it was Jack Johnson won the title from, and oblige G. W. P. and M. H. J.,

FRANK BAKER TELLS WHY HE

bidder cannot go out under the condi-tions named unless he bids enough to go out. But this rule is not general and many play that the bidder goes out regardless of what he may bid.

team? 2. What is a semi-pro team? 3. Is a team that pays players' traveling expenses and equips them, but upon their leaving the club retains uniforms, amateur or semi-pro?

A. FAN.

Ketchell had much the better of it. 2. If one man is four points in pitch and he bids two and makes three, and their leaving the club retains uniforms, another man is six and he holds high, who wins? Thanking you. H. C. S. 21.

Boston plays here April 17, 19, 20 and 21.

Sporting Editor Star:
Will you kindly settle this bet? A
claims if Jess Willard had lost his fight he would not receive any money. B claims he would receive something.
J. F. W.

Before Willard went into the ring he made a new agreement as to the division of the purse whereby he received \$11,000 for winning or losing. What the agreement was prior to this is not

year ago are much changed. Then the Athletics were as sure a pennant winner as a club is ever sure in base ball, and the world series money was within the reach of every one of the players on that club. Now, while, of course, the Athletics may win the pennant, they have fallen from practically a sure thing to a remote chance. Personally, I believe the Red Sox have the best show for the flag.

"I wrote Mack a letter this spring telling him that I would not play this year. It was merely in line with what I had told him before on several occasions, and what I had told him when I signed. Perhaps it may not be the best way of doing business, but it is my way at any rate. I have no right under contract to ask him for any more money. Furthermore, I have no intention of asking him or anybody else for more money. Mack wrote me a letter some time ago and asked me if the money question was what was bothering me, and if it was what I wanted to be satisfied. I didn't even answer the letter. If he wants me to play he knows where I am. If he doesn't, it sults me. I am very well contented on the farm. I have a good farm, over 200 acres, well stocked and well cultivated. I can earn a good living here in Trappe, the town where I was born. I like to play base ball, like nothing better, but I don't like to travel on the circuit in the summer. I wouldn't mind a year's rest in the least. I am twenty-nine today and have a few years left.

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"I am not criticising Collins for getting the \$15,000 he is reported to be getting. I am not criticising Lajoie for getting. I am not criticising Lajoie for getting. I wish base ball could afford to pay every player that much money. I wish them all the luck in the world. But I have to look out for my own interests also, and if I am not satisfied I have a right to drop out and earn a living in some other way. That's clear enough, I guess. There's no mystery about that."

These statements were not made at any one time. They were disconnected and intermittent. But they give a true insight into the situation based on the peculiar views of a Trappe farmer, rather than a shrewd business man. Baker's attitude throughout has been one of bluff fairness. He signed a three-year contract with Mack under protest, against his better judgment. He said that he would quit at the end of a year, merely his way of saying, after all the contract must be adjusted yearly to suit changing conditions. He allowed Mack entire liberty to alter the contract when conditions changed so as to affect Mack's interests. He claims the same privilege for himself now, But in characteristic mood he will not make amy claims upon Mack, but prefers to retire to his farm and engage in other fully as congenial if less profitable centre to his farm and engage in other fully as congenial if less profitable centre to his farm and engage in other fully as congenial if less profitable centre. To sum up, in Baker's terse words:

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"Every man has the price at which he is willing to work. I have mine. I am not stating what it is, but I will take it if it is offered. I will work for Connie Mack cheaper than I will work for Connie Mack or any one else under the conditions as they are at present. I will stay very quietly and comfortably on my farm and earn my living

s to the diviy he received
The state to settle the base of the courts.

It is the intention of the Dumbarton Club to hold an open tournament about the first of July which will give the local racket wielders a chance to show their ability. The new courts will surely be ready by that time and ample accommodations available for the entrants, no matter how numerous.

second basemen, then will come a period when these position will be filled by only mediocre performers. This year it seems to be a season for high-class shortstops. Just look over the list. There is Maranville of the Braves, the star, and in O'Mara Brooklyn is said to have another just such player. Bancroft of the Phillies is going to be heard from, and coung Gerber of Pittsburgh shows great promise. Then, of course, there are Fletcher and Herzog, so if St. Louis and Chicago show good short fielders the circuit will have a collection which will be the best in collection which will be the

short fielders the circuit will have a collection which will be the best in years."

President Tener doesn't come out fatly and say that the Brooklyn Feds are going to win the pennant in their league. But he intimates that they will, judging from the way the Brooklyn team is getting the cream of that circuit's players. He refused to discuss the Federal League, other than repeating what he has said that there is no room for three major leagues. President Tener major leagues. President Tener major leagues of the country of the cream of that circuit's players. He refused to discuss the Federal League, other than repeating what he has said that there is no room for three major leagues. President Tener major leagues of the country of the cream of that circuit's players. He refused to discuss the Federal League, other than repeating what he has said that there is no room for three major leagues. President Tener doesn't are going to win the pennant in their league. But he intimates that they will, judging from the way the Brooklyn team is getting the cream of that circuit's players. He refused to discuss the Federal League, other than repeating what he has said that there is no room for three major leagues. President Tener doesn't are going to win the pennant in their league. But he intimates that they will, judging from the way the Brooklyn team is getting the cream of that circuit's players. He refused to discuss the Federal League, other than repeating what he has said that there is no room for three major leagues. President Tener doesn't are going to win the pennant in their league, but he fall that it requires 500,000 paid admissions a season to run a major league club successfully, and he points out that the new league cannot hope to draw such patronage in the territry they have chosen.

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### Good Golf Story.

President Tener has a good golf story. Yes, he plays golf, although he admits it with enthusiastic silence. While he was in the west Gov. Tene admitted that he made the longest drive on record. It happened this way: While traveling through the Grand canyon. President Tener took his golf

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FRANK BAKER TELLS WHY HE
WILL NOT REPORT TO MACK

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Last Friday a string of nose was ob-tained and the seven new courts now building are, flooded at regular inter-vals of an hour. It was the intention to wait for rain, but as the downpour held off it was decided to use artificial means to settle the base of the courts.